IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q66058

Takeshi KAMATA

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For:

INFILTRATING MOLTEN METAL

METHOD

MOLTEN

AND

METAL

INFILTRATING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification was amended as follows:

Page 9, the third full paragraph was amended as follows:

When the inside of the bath container 3 is heated by the heater 3a in this state, the metal ingot 4 is molten in a portion provided in contact with the internal wall of the bath container 3 and a model state is shown in Fig. 2.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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